

## FRENCH ARMS WIN A VICTORY IN 2-DAY FIGHT

Bulgarian Force Is Said to Have Been Driven to the Right Bank of the Vardar River in Southern Serbia After a Hard Conflict

## BRITISH ALSO WIN AGAINST BULGARIANS

In Northern Part of Serbia, However, the Bulgarians Have Taken Perlepe and Are Said to Be Endangering Monastir

A victory for the French over the Bulgarians in one sector of the front in southern Serbia is unofficially reported through Paris. General Sarraill's troops are said to have driven the Bulgarian force to the right bank of the Vardar river as the result of a two days' battle. The capture by the French of the town of Kasturino and the defeat of Bulgarians by the British on the Valondovo-Rabrovo front are also reported in advices received in Paris.

The Bulgarians apparently are sweeping everything before them in the region north of Monastir. A London message early to-day said confirmation had been received in Saloniki of the report that the Bulgarians had taken Perlepe, imperiling Monastir, which the Serbians were preparing to evacuate, it was said.

Progress of the Italians in the campaign against Gorizia is reported by Rome, a strong entrenchment on the height northwest of the city having been taken.

Relluno, an Italian city, about 50 miles north of Venice, has been bombarded by Austrian aeroplanes. A Belluno dispatch says that only one bomb was exploded out of five dropped and that aside from the slight wounding of three persons the explosion had no effect.

Artillery engagements and fighting with trench guns is reported by Paris from the front in France. No infantry attacks are mentioned.

## CHURCHILL LEAVES FOR WAR FRONT

Unrecognized, He Said Good-Bye To His Wife at a Railroad Station in London To-day.

London, Nov. 18.—Winston Spencer Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty and chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, in the uniform of his regiment, left for the front this morning. His wife bade him farewell at the railroad station, where he passed, unrecognized, as he waited to enter a special car.

## GERMAN FLOTILLA EN ROUTE.

Twenty-Five Torpedo Boats and a Big Cruiser Speeded Northward.

London, Nov. 18.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. dated Wednesday gives a report that a flotilla of 25 German torpedo boats and a big cruiser passed Helsingborg, on the southwest coast of Sweden, at 6 o'clock in the morning, proceeding at high speed northward.

Helsingborg is at the northern entrance to the sound which separates Sweden and Denmark. Vessels passing Helsingborg and proceeding north would enter the Kattegat, New York for Rotterdam, which leads by way of the Skagerrak into the North sea.

## STEAMER ULRIKEN LOST WITH FIVE MEN

Vessel Sailing from New York for Rotterdam Is Said to Have Struck Mine Near Gallipoli Light.

Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 18.—Newspaper reports say that the steamer Ulriken, New York for Rotterdam, has been sunk, with the loss of five men, by a mine near Gallipoli Light.

## MANY WERE RESCUED.

In 11-tenment Block in Worcester, Mass.—Nobody Injured.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 18.—Fire in an 11-tenment block on Orchard street yesterday, endangered the lives of 20 women and children who were rescued in a sensational way by firemen and volunteer life-savers. Women caught by the smoke and flames on the third floor were taken down 35-foot ladders by firemen and the children were rescued by the women on the second floor.

Children taken into the arms of firemen and passed safely to the street. The damage to the building was about \$200.

## SHOT BROTHER TO DEATH.

Elder of Lynn Boys Told Police Trigger Caught in Clothing.

Lynn, Mass., Nov. 18.—Charles McKay, 14 years old, was killed yesterday by a revolver shot while he and his brother, Clyde McKay, 15 years old, were shooting at a target in the cellar of their home. The elder boy told the police that the trigger of the revolver caught in his clothing. The bullet struck Charles McKay's eye and he died within an hour.

## 300 WERE SAVED FROM HOSPITAL SHIP

And About 85 Were Drowned When British Steamer Anglia Struck a Mine in the English Channel.

London, Nov. 18.—The British hospital ship Anglia was sunk by a mine in the English channel yesterday. Three hundred men were saved out of a total of 385. The following official communication concerning the disaster was made public:

"The war office reports that the hospital ship Anglia struck a mine in the channel to-day and sunk. The total number on board was 13 officers and 372 men of other ranks, of whom about 300 were saved by a patrol vessel.

"Another ship proceeding to the rescue was also sunk by a mine." "King George was shocked to hear that the Anglia which so recently conveyed him across the channel had been sunk. His Majesty is grieved at the loss incurred, but trusts that the survivors have not unduly suffered from their terrible exposure."

The loss of the ship is believed to have been due to mines which broke from their moorings in the recent storm.

## HAVERHILL HOTEL CLEARED OF GUESTS

Forty People Made Haste to Get Out When Fire Was Discovered in the Building Early To-day.

Haverhill, Mass., Nov. 18.—Fire of unknown origin drove forty guests at the Arlington hotel to the street in a hurry early this morning. Nearly all of the guests were theatrical people. The fire did damage of \$50,000.

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Robert Simpson and Francis Smith, two Barre men, who contemplate early trips to Scotland on the American liner, Philadelphia, were advised to-day that the sailing of the liner from New York has been postponed from Saturday to Monday at noon.

Attorney E. R. Davis of Allen street and his brother, Prof. Oscar F. Davis of New Richmond, Wis., who has been lecturing on Mormonism in Barre while visiting here, left this morning by auto for Corinth, where the Wisconsin man spent much of his boyhood before entering the old Barre academy in the early 80's. Mr. Davis expected to renew acquaintances with a number of men known to him as a young man and his brother, Attorney Davis, took along his rifle as a measure of preparedness should a deer dispute the chauffeur's right of way. They expect to return to the city this evening.

William Leith of Vine street brought down a 126-pound doe while hunting in Orange yesterday. The woods in that town are said to be much more populated with hunters than with game. Chauncey Harris, the musician, did his hunting in Worcester yesterday and was rewarded by a shot at a big doe, one of the largest seen in that township this season. One shot was enough, Mr. Harris' doe weighed 200 pounds, it is said. John Grogan of South Main street came back from Danville last night with a 150-pound buck which he shot in the afternoon.

Goddard commercial school alumni, members of the association formed at the senior last year, held a special meeting in the George B. Milne commercial room at the school last evening, there being a very representative gathering of former students. James Lambert, president of the association, was in the chair. A number of matters pertaining to the welfare and further development of the organization were discussed and tentative plans were formed for a banquet to be given early in January. An effort will be made to muster as many of the commercial course alumni as can reach Barre conveniently, and if success marks the affair, an attempt will be made to repeat the banquet each year.

A revival of bowling matches in which Barre teams are to compete with teams representing several cities and towns in Vermont is under way, and the first match of a winter series will be played at the Murphy & Weaver alleys on Pearl street this evening with St. Johnsbury. A number of the same bowlers who defeated a picked up team from Barre three weeks ago will roll with the St. Johnsbury force and the following timber tumbler will represent Barre: Thomas Batchelder, James Murray, Thomas Davidson, Edward Gardner and Robert Phillips. Negotiations are under way for games with bowling teams in Montpelier, Burlington and possibly a bowling outfit from Rutland will be brought to Barre later in the year.

Chicken thieves have extended their operations beyond the city limits, one of the heavier sufferers from the depredations of midnight visitors being Manager Charles A. Nevers of the Merriam farm on west hill. Although the losses there have been no heavier than at other times in the past four years, thieves have made bold to lug away some of the blooded feathered stock on the farm within a few nights. The police have been getting their fill of complaints from people here in the city, but thus far no progress has been made in rounding up the culprits.

In Chaucer's harvest, carelessness in the matter of keeping chickens under lock and key has been a factor in the successful operations of nocturnal visitors.

About on the eve of their departure for Aberdeen, Scotland, where they have been summoned by the illness of their mother, Mrs. David Mills, Mrs. Robert Stewart of the Mills block and Mrs. Donald McLeod of 6 Kinney street were treated to a surprise party at the latter's home last evening by an assemblage of nearly 30 women friends. The affair took the nature of a farewell reception and came as a complete surprise to the guests of honor. Victrola selections, vocal solos and choral singing were among the enjoyable features that were introduced by the entertainers. Games were also played and delicious refreshments were served.

Thinking for the moment, Mrs. Francis Stewart presented Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. McLeod each a handsome leather traveling bag. Each responded faithfully to the presentation. Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. McLeod expect to sail from New York on the afternoon of Friday, Nov. 20, for the Anchor Line, Tacoma, for Liverpool.

## DISCREDITS AUSTRIANS

Ancona Was Shelled After She Stopped, Says Affidavit of American Doctor

## AFFIDAVIT FLATLY DISPUTES CLAIM

State Department Gets Report Through Consular Despatches

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—An affidavit by Dr. Cecil L. Greil of New York, the only native American survivor of the Italian liner Ancona, directly contradicts the Austro-Hungarian government's official statement that the ship was not shelled by the attacking submarine after she stopped. The state department was to-day notified of the existence of the affidavit by consular despatches.

## AUSTRIA'S POSITION IS SET FORTH

Says Ancona Fled at Full Speed When Warning Shot Was Fired and Denies Firing After Ancona Stopped.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 18.—American Ambassador Penfield yesterday cabled the state department an official statement concerning the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, which had been handed him by the Austrian foreign office, apparently before he received the department's instructions, cabled Tuesday, to seek the Vienna version of the tragedy.

The text of the communication virtually is identical with that given out in Vienna by the Austrian admiralty and sent to this country by wireless from Berlin. It says the Ancona fled at full speed when a warning shot was fired across her bow, and it denies the allegation of the Italian government that the steamer was shelled after she had come to a standstill and that other shots were fired at lifeboats and at persons swimming in the sea.

After the receipt of the report, it became known that Secretary Lansing considered the state department now had in its possession sufficient official information to form the basis of an inquiry of Austria-Hungary regarding its attitude toward the conduct of submarine warfare.

The secretary indicated, however, that no communication would go forward until a reply had been made to questions submitted to the Austrian foreign office by Ambassador Penfield.

It is supposed that the cablegram directing the ambassador to ask for specific and detailed information crossed in transmission the despatch received yesterday.

The text of the communication from the Vienna foreign office, as given out by the state department, follows: "Submarine fired warning shot across bow of steamer, whereupon latter fled at full speed. She thus carried out instructions officially given all Italian steamers at beginning of war, to attempt escape upon being held up by submarines, or to ram, according to the position of latter."

"Escaping steamer pursued and fired on by submarine, but did not stop until receiving several hits. Forty-five minutes given passengers and crew to leave ship, on which greatest panic reigned. Only a portion of boats lowered, which were occupied by members ship's crew, who pulled hurriedly away. Great portion of boats, which were apparently having sufficient for rescue all hands, not occupied."

"After about 50 minutes, submarine submerged on account rapidly approaching vessel, torpedoed Ancona, which did not sink until further lapse of 45 minutes. If many passengers lost lives, blame rests entirely with crew, because instead of stopping upon warning shot, fled and compelled submarine to fire, and because crew endeavored to save only themselves and not passengers, for which there was ample time and means."

"Story that submarine fired upon loaded boats and people in water is malicious fabrication, for reason ammunition much too valuable for submarine, if for no other. No further shot fired after vessel stopped."

## TALK OF THE TOWN

Miss Doris Farrar left to-day for Northfield, where she will visit friends for a few days.

The C. O. P. and A. O. H. which are having a series of "45" games this winter, will play this evening.

A meeting of the Vermont Poultry association will be held in the court room at city hall to-morrow evening.

Edward Sempson left the city this morning for Burlington, where he will pass the remainder of the week with friends.

Ray Lull of Montpelier, a farmer in the employ of the Vermont Telephone & Telegraph company, returned home to-day with a 100-pound buck which he got in the Mount Hunger section.

The Ida Road W. C. T. U. will meet to-morrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with Mrs. George Baker of 142 Elm street. All of the ladies are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon C. Smith of Northfield were in the city to-day on business connected with their purchase of the Smith stock farm, so called, on the W. H. Huntington road. Mr. and Mrs. Smith expect to close their home in Northfield and move to Barre early in January.

## WORKHOUSE TERM IMPOSED.

Guilford Hotel Keeper Must Serve Four Months.

Brattleboro, Nov. 18.—Hooker Winchester of Guilford, who pleaded guilty in county court several days ago to keeping liquor with intent to sell, was sentenced yesterday afternoon just before court adjourned for the term to pay a fine of \$500 and serve from four to six months in the house of correction.

In imposing the jail sentence Judge F. L. Fish said that the court had in mind that a suspended sentence of like period was hanging over Winchester and recommended that the suspended sentence not be served. He explained that this recommendation was not binding.

The court awarded Carmen Stowell of Londonderry \$3,000 to support herself and children and created a lien upon the property of her husband, George C. Stowell.

The following divorces were granted: Frank S. Mundall of Williamsville from Marie Mundall, Frank M. Melendy of South Londonderry from Annie M. Melendy, Florence E. Small of Marlboro from Stephen Small, Mette Jelts of Brattleboro from Lewis W. Jelts, Lydie Edwards of Wardboro from John A. Edwards, James L. Orcutt of Rockingham from Ethel Orcutt, Lillian Sturtevant of West Townsend from Herbert H. Sturtevant, Alice T. Bassett of South Halifax from Frank A. Bassett, with alimony of \$100 a month, Rufus Ingalls of Rutland from Eleanor Ingalls, Aquila Darling of Morrisville from Mary Darling of Brattleboro, Lillian Couillard of West Dunsmuir from John Couillard, Eva Thomas of Brattleboro from Lucius Thomas.

The court found that Florence I. Gilbert of Brattleboro had proved that she was entitled to a divorce from Charles W. Gilbert, but she would have to wait until next term for a decree. Mr. Gilbert is in the army.

## MASQUERADE BALL.

Italian Gaiety Club Held Second of Series Last Evening.

One of the most enjoyable dances of the autumn was given in the Knights of Columbus hall last evening by the recently organized Italian Gaiety club, the affair being the second of a series of dances which the club will give during the fall and winter. The hall was attractively decorated and interest to the dance was increased by the fact that all dancers were required to mask until intermission. There was a wide variety of costumes used and in many instances the masqueraders outdid themselves in the costume adopted. A dainty luncheon was served at intermission by several of the young women of the club. Fifty couples were present and the following committee had charge of the affair: Miss Gladys Comoli, Armando Comoli, John Caldera, Joseph Morandi of Montpelier, Miss Rose Tomasi, Miss Mary Donetti, Carroll's orchestra provided for the dancing.

Judges in the masquerade announced the prize winners this forenoon; several of the contestants in the elimination method employed by the judges having costumes of such excellence that decision rendering was doubly difficult. Mrs. Florence Bottigli, dressed as a shepherdess, won the first prize for women, the second going to Miss Mary Restelli, who masqueraded as an Indian maiden, Henry Fasola, who posed as a peddler, and John Caldera, dressed as a Charlie Chaplin, won the first and second prizes, respectively, for men. The next dance to be given by the club will be held around New Year's and in place of the committee that served so efficiently at last evening's affair, the following members of the club will have charge of the dance: Miss Josephine Rizzo, Miss Mary Restelli, John Citrini of Montpelier, Eugene Manera, Angie Fratini and George Molla.

## WELL KNOWN FARM SOLD.

L. C. Smith Has Bought the Smith Stock Farm Property.

For the second time within a period of three months the Smith stock farm, located in South Barre on the Williams road, and one of the best known pieces of farming realty in Washington county, has been sold, the latest purchaser being Leon C. Smith of Northfield. A deed recording the purchase from Charles Gordon and Dr. E. H. Johnson was passed late this forenoon in the Barre office of the Vermont Real Estate Co., through whose agency the deal was consummated. Gordon & Smith are to give possession at the expiration of 60 days. Mr. Gordon, who occupies the farm, has not completed plans for the future. Around \$15,000 was involved in the transaction.

While the property was in the possession of Donald Smith, it attained a reputation as a breeding ground for blooded stock, a reputation which Messrs. Gordon and Hancock have striven successfully to uphold. There are 100 acres of land, comprising timber, meadow and pasture land. Mr. Smith, who retired some little time ago from the mercantile firm of Boyles & Smith in Northfield, intends to carry even farther the idea of Donald Smith and the recent owners in making of his purchase a stock farm in the best sense of the word. He will breed only high blooded cattle and make a specialty of thoroughbred horses and hens.

## FIVE YEARS FOR RAPE.

Elwyn J. Courser, On Being Sentenced, Protested His Innocence of Charge.

St. Albans, Nov. 18.—In Franklin county court this morning Elwyn J. Courser was sentenced by Judge Butler to not less than five and not more than eight years at hard labor in the state prison for rape. Courser was convicted at the present term of court.

When asked if there was any reason why sentence should not be pronounced, Courser replied in a scarcely audible voice: "I am not guilty." In imposing sentence Judge Butler said the court had taken into consideration the age of the respondent, the loyalty of the fact that he was not entirely a dangerous criminal; otherwise, a sentence of some years would have been imposed.

Four Graniteville inmates returned today from Northfield, each with a \$200 reward. Robert Fanning got a \$200 reward, Frank Fanning, a \$200 reward, and the same amount and George Blaisdell, a \$200 reward, each.

## FATAL SHOT BY COMPANION

Alden Quimby Slain in the Rangeley Lake Section of Maine

Rumford, Me., Nov. 18.—Alden Quimby was killed in mistake for a deer while he was hunting yesterday on Bear mountain, in the Rangeley lakes section, according to word which was brought here to-day. One of Quimby's companions is said to have fired the shot.

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Caldwell, who surrendered himself to the police and was held for a hearing, said that while passing through the woods he thought he heard the call of a raccoon. With two companions he traced the noise until he reached the top of the slope. Through the bushes at its foot, he saw a movement which he thought was that of an animal. He fired, only to hear a demand: "Who fired that shot?" Inspector William E. Rooney, a member of Fountain's party, who had called out, said he was sitting on a rock with his back to Fountain when he heard a cry, saw Fountain fall and saw Howard pick the bullet which had passed through the victim's head, from his own sleeve where it had stopped.

## HEAD WAS BLOWN OFF.

Frank Wilson of Derry, N. H., Victim of Probable Accident.

Derry, N. H., Nov. 18.—A frightful accident happened at North Salem yesterday afternoon at a point known as "Cowell Corner," whereby Frank Wilson, a young man, lost his life.

It appears that Wilson and his companion, Fred Chase, were in a room together, Chase having a gun, which was in some way discharged, the full charge taking effect in the left side of Wilson's head, which was blown away. The victim was the son of Henry Wilson.

Medical Referee Luther G. Dearborn, Jr., and Dr. E. A. Towser, were summoned. Was also Undertaker Charles H. Gordon. No suspicion of foul play is in any way attached to Chase, the affair being considered purely accidental.

## 18 APPLICANTS APPEARED.

Dozen for First Papers and Six for Their Final Papers.

Eighteen applicants appeared before Clerk Fred S. Platt yesterday afternoon in Barre city court room, where a session of naturalization court was held from 2 until 8 o'clock, 12 applying for and receiving their first citizenship papers and six making applications for their final papers.

The following were granted their declarations of intention: Ernest D. Tuck, Alaska, Green, Barre; Miles H. Hunt, Canada, Plainfield; Luigi Leone, Italy, Barre; Joseph F. Piani, Italy, Barre; Henry Wenzel, Germany, Barre; Emory Lenory, Canada, Barre; Donald J. Allan, Canada, Barre; George Andrew, Scotland, Barre; Louis A. Bergerson, Canada, Barre; Leonardo Petrusz, Italy, Barre; Alfredo Tencio, Italy, Barre; George G. Walker, Canada, Barre.

Applications for the final papers were received from: George Thayer, Canada, Montpelier; Severino Coratti, Italy, Barre; Emilio C. Signorini, Italy, Barre; James McLeod, Scotland, Barre; Frank H. Ritten, Italy, Barre; Columbo Enrico, Italy, Barre.

Mrs. A. E. Wood left the city this forenoon for Lisbon, N. H., where she expects to make a visit of several days with relatives, a dog, weighing about 175 pounds, from Lisbon.

## SEVERAL BUSY BOOTHS

At Universalist Ladies' Fair—Some Good Cookery Also Demonstrated.

Chicken may not contribute feathers to the tailpiece of a very successful and enjoyable bazaar which the ladies' union of the Universalist church are holding in the vestry, but it bulked very large in the beginning of the fair yesterday, birds of that friendly domestic enticement figuring in a dinner and supper that attracted crowds of people to the vestry noon and evening. Every cover was taken in the noon hour and on the threshold of the evening the first crowd seemed to have taken on new proportions. Many came who had patronized the dinner and it looked a good deal as though they brought along their friends for the second feast of chicken pie. The service was altogether worthy of the organization and no one went away hungry.

In the afternoon and after supper a number of booths which the ladies have established in the parlors of the vestry were thriving scenes of many business transactions. White crepe and evergreen were used with excellent results in arranging the booths, each of which is flanked by an ingeniously devised doric column. At the fancy booth the attendants are: Mrs. H. A. Richardson, Mrs. E. M. Tobin, Mrs. George Kent, Mrs. William Inglis and Mrs. Arthur E. Campbell. In charge of the confectionery booth are Miss Blanche Spaulding, Miss Emily Benedict, Mrs. Mattie Willey, Mrs. F. G. Russell, Mrs. Howard Rockwood and Mrs. Mark Cutler. Superintending the food booth are the following women: Mrs. Frank A. Gove, Mrs. Robert Gray, Mrs. G. H. Griffith, Mrs. M. P. Blake and Mrs. E. L. House. Mrs. George E. McFarland is chairman of the following committee in charge of the apron booth: Mrs. O. E. Philbrick, Mrs. Agnes Bradford and Mrs. John L. Wallace. One of the daintiest contrivances in the miniature midway is the Japanese booth, where may be found a variety of articles from the island kingdom. Miss Carrie McVeelek, in charge of the booth, is assisted by Miss Glyceria Gould and Misses Shirley and Gladys Bradford. Varied opportunities for early Christmas shopping are on all sides and thus far the buying at all of the booths has been encouragingly brisk.

Interesting musical literary programs are promised for this evening and again to-morrow night, when the bazaar ends. Members of the Universalist church choir will have a prominent part in the entertainment, this evening. The church parlor, Cantley and George Mackay selected for vocal solos, Miss Mary Bishop and Dr. F. M. Lynde will contribute readings.

The chairman of the general committee, Mrs. C. E. Brooks, is assisted by the following women: Mrs. B. A. Eastman, Miss Carrie Lang, Mrs. F. C. Eaton, Mrs. Frank Jackson, Mrs. George E. McFarland, Mrs. O. E. Philbrick, Mrs. John C. Dodge is at the head of the dining room committee and the women who proved themselves capable dispensers of such chicken pie hospitality are: Mrs. Brooks, Mrs. Ella Moorcroft, Mrs. George Richardson, Mrs. Gove, Mrs. Agnes Bradford, Mrs. C. N. Benedict and Mrs. S. D. Allen.

## KNOWN NOT WHAT THEY ORDERED.

Because Food Was Disguised Under Such Names as "Heart Throbs."

An entertainment, original in every way, was presented at the Baptist church last evening by the combined efforts of the Philathea class and the Pansy class. The Pansy class had charge of the "Conundrum" supper which was served from 6 to 7 in the church parlor. No one knew from the bill of fare just what he was ordering, for such words as "gathered fragments," "heart throbs," and "the skipper's home," designated the various dishes served. All were willing to take their chances, however, and no one complained of not getting full value for his money. About 175 guests were served and the girls cleared over \$18 above expenses.

After supper all hands repaired to the vestry to attend a miniature county fair," which was the Philathea class share of the entertainment. To a march played by Miss Ethel Inglis, the parade of vendors entered the room and proceeded to display their wares. These vendors represented all kinds and classes of people from a Turk and a Jew, to a bootblack and an apple woman. Each of the seventeen peddlers recited an original verse, announcing the articles he had for sale and then proceeded to sell them at a surprisingly low rate. As soon as business began to fall off, they were placed in the hands of auctioneer Dan Perry and were sold to the highest bidder. In this way all the articles, aprons, canned goods, fruit, pop corn, candy, etc., were disposed of. The rivalry among the bidders was keen and prices ran high.

Features of the entertainment were a solo by Howard Geak with a chorus of vendors, a violin solo by E. J. Batchelder, and an original solo by Miss Henrietta Ingles.

A committee from the Philathea class which had charge of their part of the entertainment was composed of Mrs. H. D. Stevens, Mrs. Alden Greason, Mrs. L. R. Jones, Mrs. James Greason, and Mrs. Carl Rollins. The Pansy class acted as a whole in getting up the supper.

## ILL A GREAT MANY YEARS.

Mrs. Charles Belmont Died To-day at Upper Graniteville.

Mrs. Charles Belmont died at her home in upper Graniteville this morning at 2 o'clock, death following a long period of failing health. Mrs. Belmont had been a sufferer from the ravages of rheumatism for the past 24 years, and lately a cancerous affliction had caused her much anguish. She had been confined to her bed during the past two months. She is survived by her husband and three brothers, A. H. Belmont, and three sons, Charles, a member of Graniteville, and Timothy and Earl Belmont, who reside in Quebec. The deceased was 63 years old and had been a resident of upper Graniteville for the past 16 years.

Funeral services will be held in St. Sylvester's Roman Catholic church at Graniteville Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Joseph T. Tarnoff, officiating. The remains will be brought to Barre for interment in the Catholic cemetery on Rockley street.

## PROBATE COURT ACTIONS.

In Washington county probate court to-day Judge Joseph H. Burr and Edwin C. Nease of Montpelier, N. J., were appointed executors of the last will and testament of Mrs. C. K. Kneass late of Barre. William S. Turner and Alonzo E. Woodbury settled their accounts as administrators of the estate of Edwin J. Woodbury. The will of Stephen R. Hild, late of Cabot, was proven.

## AUTO DRIVER HELD GUILTY

J. P. Rabidou Convicted of Manslaughter in Death of Carl N. French

## JURY RETURNED VERDICT TO-DAY

Defense May Take the Case to Vermont Supreme Court

Guilty of manslaughter, a verdict returned at 9 o'clock this morning in Washington county court by the jury in the case of State vs. J. P. Rabidou of Northfield, who drove the automobile which struck and killed Carl Ned French on the Barre-Montpelier road the evening of April 24, 1